



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday, 13 April 2025

“NO PAIN, NO PALM; NO THORNS, NO THRONE; NO GALL, NO GLORY; NO CROSS, NO CROWN.”

— WILLIAM PENN

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. This Sunday can be referred to either as Passion Sunday focusing on the suffering and death of Jesus or Palm Sunday focusing Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before his death. The primary purpose of the Gospel writers in presenting to us the Passion of Jesus is not to emphasize that Jesus is alone, misunderstood, lonely, isolated, without little support. The gospel writers want us to understand the agony of Jesus' heart that is extra sensitive, gentle, loving, understanding, warm, inviting, and hungry to embrace everyone even in the midst of suffering. The Passion story brings out the inner freedom and self-confidence of Jesus to face his great moment of truth. This point has been too often missed both spiritually and popular devotion.

The liturgy of Holy Week is telling us of the incredible love of a God who will never give up on us, no matter if having praised him in good times we will forget his love in hard times. It is very important to note that nowhere in any of the gospel readings of this week does Jesus condemn anyone. Neither does he condemn you and me. The ultimate proof of this is that while hanging, in terrible agony on the cross, Jesus prays: 'Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing.'

These days we witness the cycle of violence between and among the religious groups, between the nations getting worse. Unless they break the cycle of violence, it is going to be horrific and despicable. On the cross Jesus broke the cycle of violence. Instead of taking revenge on those killing him and returning hatred for hatred he returned forgiveness and love. Jesus did not act out of a power stance or with any superior force but met bitterness with gentleness, hatred with love, rejection by accepting the others in their anger. How hard it is for us to imitate! Following Jesus is never easy. Besides our participation and involvement in the Sacramental and Liturgical celebrations and personal devout practices, Jesus is asking us to live daily with the same attitudes that he lived by. This is the way that leads to real peace and joy.

There was a man who wanted to know about suffering. He travelled near and far to learn about suffering. Finally, he heard of the wisest man in the world who lived in a small village on the other side of the mountain to find his answer. So, he journeyed and found the wise man's unassuming house. He knocked on the door and was invited in and then asked the wise man Please explain, what was it like to suffer? "I don't know. But I know who does. Go see Solomon. He is a very poor hardworking man. Solomon has never had a day of peace in his entire life. He is unemployed, without insurance, in a lonely cold basement apartment. Nineteen years of a tumultuous marriage that just crashed. His sons are with their mother. The family business was failing. Tax foreclosure was looming... Trust me, my son, he knows what it's like." The man travelled to Solomon's home. He knocked on the door. Solomon answered, "Yes?" The traveler said, "I'm seeking Solomon". Solomon responded in a very kind, soft tone, "I'm Solomon. How can I help you?" The traveler questioned, "Can you tell me, what is it like to suffer?" Solomon thought for a while and answered in a very calm, steady voice, assuring the traveler, "I don't know. I have never had a bad day in my life."

Solomon typifies goodness of the heart. Good-heartedness lacks malice, hatred, anger, bitterness, revenge, selfishness and other poor traits. Since spiritual happiness dwells with good-heartedness it is void of these traits. A lesson to be learned for sure. May this Holy Week enable us to understand the mystery of life and empower us to live it fully well with the same attitude of our Lord Jesus!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know
I will not be ashamed*

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**

Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised
him on high.*

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave

and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you are to say this, "The Master needs it." The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner said, 'Why are you untying that colt?' and they answered, 'The Master needs it.'

So they took the colt to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks in the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. They cried out:

'Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!'

Some Phisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples,' but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Holy Week

Holy Thursday 17th April: No Morning Mass
Evening Mass at 7 pm followed by Adoration until 12am midnight

Good Friday 18th April: Stations of the cross at 10am
The Passion of our Lord at 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 19th April: There will be candles sold at the entrance of the church \$2 each.
The candles will be used for the Vigil and the other Masses during the renewal of the Baptismal promises

Easter Sunday 20th April: Holy Mass at 8am and 10am

There will be a special Monday morning Mass on 21st April at 9.15 am: 40th Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination

Pope Francis' Prayer intention for April

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO TO DOMINIC RODRIGUES AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY

at the passing of his brother John Rodrigues.
May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL SERVICE OF ROBERT KAIRUZ

The funeral Service for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner **Robert Kairuz** will be held at **Macquarie Park Cemetery** on **Thursday 17th April at 11:30am.**
Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.

Let us pray for the ...

Wellbeing & Health

Romenda McGregor
Pia Ylagan
Kaz Seremet

Recently Deceased

John Rodrigues
Robert Kairuz

Anniversaries

Francis John Fressard (Frank)
Catlin Kozma
Annie Coughlan
Giuseppe Di Ruocco

PARISH ROSTERS

19/20 April 2025

	<u>Computer Operators</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Cleaning Ministry</u>	<u>Altar Society</u>
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Thomas Russo	Glenys Oxlee Lynette Rodrigues Cynthia Oscar Daniel Cakarun	Harriet S Zachary C	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Patrick Edouard-Betsy	Pierre Salomon	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Anne Marie Lyons Jodie MacGregor	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Evelyn Noviza		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Elizabeth Yeo	Astrid Kossim Joseph Andrews		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

26/27 April 2025

	<u>Computer Operators</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Cleaning Ministry</u>	<u>Altar Society</u>
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	George Davidson	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Oscar G	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Thomas Russo Sophie Russo	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Christopher Younis	Glenys Oxlee Helen Wong	Maya R Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores	Patrick Edouard-Betsy		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Vartguess Markarian	Jessica Tapiador Lynette Rodrigues	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Robert Spinetti	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather once a month to enjoy great company and good food. Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday 18 May 11am for 11:30am

Where: The Family Inn

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends! This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details and/or to RSVP contact Allison on **0411 013 032**.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

If you would like to attend our next lunch, you are invited to write your name on the sheet located at the back of the church, this is to assist Allison with the booking reservation.



Divine Mercy Sunday on 27th April 2025

Programme starts at 1.30pm
Eucharist procession at 2.15pm
Divine Mercy Solemn Mass at 3pm

FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP: Please bring a plate.

Volunteers Needed: Altar servers, readers, canopy bearers, PowerPoint operator, people to assist in crowd control, children to hold the picture of our Blessed Virgin Mary during procession etc.

To volunteer please provide your name and contact details on the list at the back of the Church.



Jubilee Celebration Holy Mass of Fr Vincent Savarimuthu 4th May 2025 at 10am

Followed by FELLOWSHIP LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL: Please Bring a plate.

For any enquires please contact:

Nancy 0434 541 287

Barbara 0417 084 659

Lynn 0439 115 450



GROUP

We are working to engage young people aged between 12 and 35 to join our group.

We encourage our youth to come onboard.

If you would like to join us, we invite you to write your contact details on our Youth Group Register located at the back of the church.

The next Youth Group Meeting will be announced shortly.

For more details please contact:

Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016

Thank You for Supporting our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal Catholic Care's chaplaincy services.

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned.

All donations received will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness.



If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Every Wednesday 7:00pm

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Maritza Graciela
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri
9:30am to 5:30pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator	Lynette Rodrigues
Catechists Coordinator	Diane O'Shea
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator	Allison Markarian
Lectors Coordinator	Glenys Oxlee
Senior Server Coordinator	Anton Massillamany
Finance Chairman	Ron Della Vedova
St Vincent De Paul President	Ron Della Vedova
Rydalmen Coordinator	Mark Bannister
Social Celebrations Coordinator	Nancy Grugan
Parish Pastoral Council Chair	Allison Markarian

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